

**WOULD PUT BAN
ON WAR VESSELS**

Closing of U. S. Waters to Bel-

The joint State and Navy Neutrality Board has submitted to the State Department its report and recommendations concerning submarine warfare off the American coast. It is understood that the findings of the board are unfavorable to a continuation by Germany of activities similar to those off Nantucket Lightship last Sunday, when the U-53 sank the

merchant vessels. It was said yesterday that the neutrality board declared such operations in proximity to American shores constituted a nuisance which should be abated, and that in that view the United States should refuse hospitality to all belligerent war vessels.

shores were obnoxious, and that the United States had the right to consider them as a nuisance. Being a nuisance "committed at our doors," it was asserted, such operations would comply

Urged to Notify Hague.
The board is said to have recommended that the State Department notify the

government of the Netherlands at The Hague of any change in this country's regulations affecting hospitality to belligerent war vessels, in accordance with convention XIII, Article 27, of The Hague conventions.

Some authorities were of the opinion

that as the United States merely gave its
adhesion to that convention, the noti-
fication to The Hague called for is not of
treaty force. This government, it was
stated, would informally notify the bel-
ligerent's diplomatic representatives in
Washington.

The recommendations of the neutrality board, it was said, by some experts would carry this country's municipal regulations farther than has ever been attempted, and considerably farther than the twelve-mile limit in the British hovering act.

Extreme Point Reached.
The extreme point the United States has gone in this discussion is disclosed

in a note by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish to the American Legation in Paris on October 4, 1870, during the Franco-Prussian war. French cruiser had been standing in the steamer lane off New York and other American ports to the prejudice of American shipping. Mr. Fish said:

as an unfriendly act the hovering of such vessels upon the coast of the United States, near to its shores, in the neighborhood of its ports, with intent to intercept the vessels of trade of its enemy.

President Grant on October 8, following issued a proclamation concerning the

abuse of American hospitality by French
cruisers, saying:
"— any frequenting and use of
waters within the territorial jurisdiction
of the United States by the armed
vessels of either belligerent —
for the purpose of preparing for hostile
operations or as posts of observation
— must be regarded as unfriendly
and offensive —"

As the operations of the German submarine U-53 took place some seventy miles off the American coast, however, it was said by some persons acquainted with the highly secreted attack.

It was said authoritatively yesterday that the department, before deciding upon any policy, will examine all the evidence.

The Navy Department received also a report from Admiral Gleaves, command-

ing the destroyer force at sea, expressing his personal belief that all the survivors are accounted for and that there was no steamer sunk named the Kingston or Kingstonian. Admiral Gleave believed the steamer Knudsen was understood by the wireless hall to be the Kingston.

SUBMARINE DISCUSSION

BANNED IN REICHSTAG

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Oct. 12.—The budget committee of the Reichstag, unable to reach an agreement on the submarine question, has voted 24 to 4 against a discussion of the subject in open session. This was stated in a written re-

The decision of the budget committee not to discuss the submarine issue in the

open Reichstag session is significant since this avoids the general debate which has been expected to make Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg the storm center. This much-heralded debate had been looked for by the chancellor's opponents to bring about a change of policy in favor of "reckless" U-boat warfare.

RUSHES TO DYING WIFE.

Former Secretary of War Breaks Down at Death of Wife.

Train Record.
Chicago, Oct. 12.—Jacob Dickinson, former Secretary of War, today reached the bedside of his wife, who is believed to be dying, after a record-breaking run.

from Memphis, Tenn., in which his special train covered the 87 miles in ten hours and 50 minutes, four hours less than the regular running time.

Mrs. Dickinson was taken ill suddenly

Sunday Outing to Philadelphia. \$2.50

Chester, \$2.25; Wilmington, \$2.00, round trip, Baltimore and Ohio, 7:05 a. m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Returning same day.—Adv.